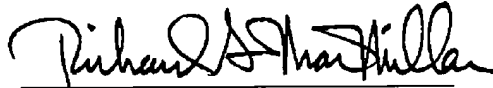


REMARKS

The Examiner objected to Claim 2 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite, stating that the "[p]anel 12 in Fig. 1 does not appear to be a flat panel as claimed in claim 1." The rejection is not understood. Claim 1 does not recite that any of the body closure panels are flat. Furthermore, Claim 2 recites that such body closure panels are "generally flat", and the panel 12 illustrated in Fig. 2 is "generally flat" in shape. Clarification is requested.

The Examiner continued the rejection of Claims 1 through 9 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by the Ashina et al. reference. The rejection is respectfully traversed in light of the amended language of Claim 1, wherein the plurality of structural components are secured together in such a manner as to form a space frame assembly defining an enclosed three-dimensional space. This amendment is believed to obviate the Examiner's rejection. Thus, it is believed that the amended claims clearly define the invention over the Ashina et al. reference.

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